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Our Case No. 0113609/002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
John C. Hiatt, Jr., et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/017,040 ) Examiner: Jocelyn Greimel  
Filing Date: December 6, 2001 ) Group Art Unit No.: 3693  
For: Delayed Start Financial )  
Instrument And Method For )  
Converting Delayed Start )  
Financial Instrument To A )  
Standard Option )

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2007 setting a shortened statutory response date of one month. As this paper is being filed on June 5, 2007, a one-month extension of time is being submitted herewith.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.